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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*

Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Warren County Multiple Resource Area Amendment:  
Smiths Grove Historic District—Boundary Expansion

and or common

2. Location

street & number Main Street \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Smiths Grove \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of

state Kentucky code 021 county Warren code 227

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Jerry B. Barrick

street & number Route #2

city, town Smiths Grove \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of state Kentucky

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Warren County Courthouse

street & number 429 East Tenth Street

city, town Bowling Green state Kentucky

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Resources in Kentucky has this property been determined eligible? \_\_\_\_\_ yes ☒ no

date September, 1978 \_\_\_\_\_ federal ☒ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Council

city, town Frankfort state Kentucky

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**☐ excellent☒ good☒ fair☐ deteriorated☐ ruins☐ unexposed**Check one**☒ unaltered☒ altered**Check one**☒ original site☐ moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Smiths Grove Historic District Expansion adds five commercial buildings on the west side of Main Street to the District which was listed in the National Register on December 18, 1979, as part of the Warren County Multiple Resource Area nomination. The original nomination for the Smiths Grove Historic District included four buildings in the Smiths Grove Commercial District which were oriented toward First Street and the L & N Railroad. These buildings were significant in the mid to late 19th century development of Smiths Grove as a small commercial center. In the early 20th century, new commercial buildings were built on Main Street as Smiths Grove's population increased. This boundary expansion adds five buildings on Main Street which adjoins the side property line of buildings included in the original nomination.

The C & H Building is the focal building in the group. It is a three-story, seven-bay, brick building which features limestone window sills and lintels, decorative brickwork in cornice and rusticated stone quoins at the first level which define the two storefronts. The south side of the C & H Building has always been visible as well. The bricks here are laid in six rows of stretcher and one row of headers pattern which enlivens the relatively blank space. Another distinguishing feature are five chimneys which divide the long walls into six bays. A shed enclosed area built on wooden piers has been added at the third level in the rear. It is non-contributing.

The storefronts on the C & H Building are not original but the commercial space on the interior retains most of its original qualities. The pressed-metal ceiling remains as do wooden shelves and counters. The basement area of the C & H Building was designed as commercial space as well. There are two sidewalk-level entrances to shops below (see photo 1-A) which receive light through glass bricks embedded in the sidewalk bridge above.

Directly to the north of the C & H Building is a one-story commercial building which has been divided into three units. Although the storefronts on this simple building have been replaced, it does retain the original stone lintels and sills in the attic space above. These features visually link the building to the larger commercial buildings on either side. A two-story commercial building to the north was built by the same firm--C & H--which constructed the other buildings in this group. It is divided into three bays on the second floor and has a stone name plate in the cornice. Like the three-story building which is the southern anchor of this group, the division of long sidewall is divided into bays which are identified by small chimneys which use above the parapet.

The fourth building in the district is a one-story store which has the most intact storefront of the group. The brickwork and louvered vent in the attic suggests this building was built at the same time as building two. The storefront is divided into three bays with large two over two windows flanking a door opening with transom above.

Immediately to the north of the four buildings commercial group is a corner lot containing a Standard Oil Company filling station built in the early 1920s. This small, one-story structure measures 12 x 15 feet. Its base is of uncoursed stone with stuccoed walls above. Large paned 8 over 8 windows are located on either side of the central door and on one side. This small structure is covered by a low-hipped roof which extends twenty feet toward the street to provide shelter for the gasoline pumps and the space between the pumps and the station. In the 1950s, two service bays were added to the south of the original station. This concrete block structure is a non-contributing addition.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** c. 1900–1920

**Builder/Architect**

Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Smith's Grove Historic District Expansion is significant under Criterion A at the local level during the 1900–1930 period in the area of commerce. Smith's Grove became the commercial center of the rich agricultural region of northeast Warren County when the Louisville & Nashville Railroad built its main line through the community in 1859. The community experienced modest growth during the late 19th century and during the first three decades of the 20th century. The 20th century expansion of the commercial district was focused on the main north/south highway through the city. Expansion of the district through the inclusion of these early 20th century buildings insures that all the historic commercial buildings constructed during the 19th and 20th century development of Smith's Grove are included in the National Register of Historic Places.

Most of the buildings in the expanded historic district were erected for the firm of John F. Cooke and John M. Hazelip. The three-story brick building which is the focal building in the group was constructed in 1908 and called the C & H Building. In 1915 Cook and Hazelip had the two-story building (#3) constructed. Because the three-bay, one-story building between the two taller buildings and the one-story to the north of the two-story contains some details found in the three and two-story buildings on either side, it can be assumed to have been built by Cook and Hazelip.

The unusually well-preserved filling station was constructed by Standard Oil of Kentucky which operated it until recently when it became a Spur Oil Company Station.

Smith's Grove's location on I-65, a major north/south transportation route makes it a desirable location for tourist-related businesses. Listing of this area in the National Register will expedite the reinvestment in this area which is needed to make it more viable as a modern commercial center.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Landmark Association. Architecture of Warren County, Kentucky, 1790-1940. Smiths Grove, Ky.: AC Publications, 1984.  
Sumpter, Irene Moss. An Album of Early Warren County, Kentucky Landmarks. Clarksville, Tenn.: Josten's Publications, 1976.

(See Continuation Sheet)

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property One

Quadrangle name Smiths Grove

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Richard M. Pfefferkorn, Executive Vice President

organization Landmark Association date Jan. 2, 1986

street & number Post Office Box 1812 telephone 502/781-8106

city or town Bowling Green state Kentucky

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

     national      state   X   local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature David L. Meyer

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 2-12-87

### For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Amy Schlager  
Keeper of the National Register

date 5/20/87

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

4/24/87

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Although most storefronts in the district have been altered as has the service station, the five buildings retain sufficient integrity of location, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association to convey effectively the sense of time and place from early 20th century Smith's Grove.

The Smith's Grove Historic District Expansion contains five contributing buildings. There are no non-contributing buildings in the district.

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### 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Sumpter, Irene Moss. Our Heritage: An Album of Early Bowling Green, Kentucky, Landmarks.  
Clarksville, Tennessee: Josten's Publications, 1978.

Warren County Courthouse.

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### 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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#### Verbal Boundary Description & Justification:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Main and Second Streets (Point A) proceeding south on Main Street 190 feet to Point B; thence across Main Street to the northwest corner of the existing district (Point C); thence south 30 feet to Point D; thence west across Main Street and then along the property line 120 feet to Point E; thence north 220 feet along the rear property lines to Point F, and then 120 feet along the south side of Second Street to the point of beginning, Point A.

The boundary was drawn to include all of the early 20th century commercial buildings adjacent to the previously listed district which retain their integrity. The east side of this block of Main Street contains newer commercial buildings which do not meet a National Register criteria. The area north of Second Street is not commercial in character nor is the area immediately to the south of the C & H Building.

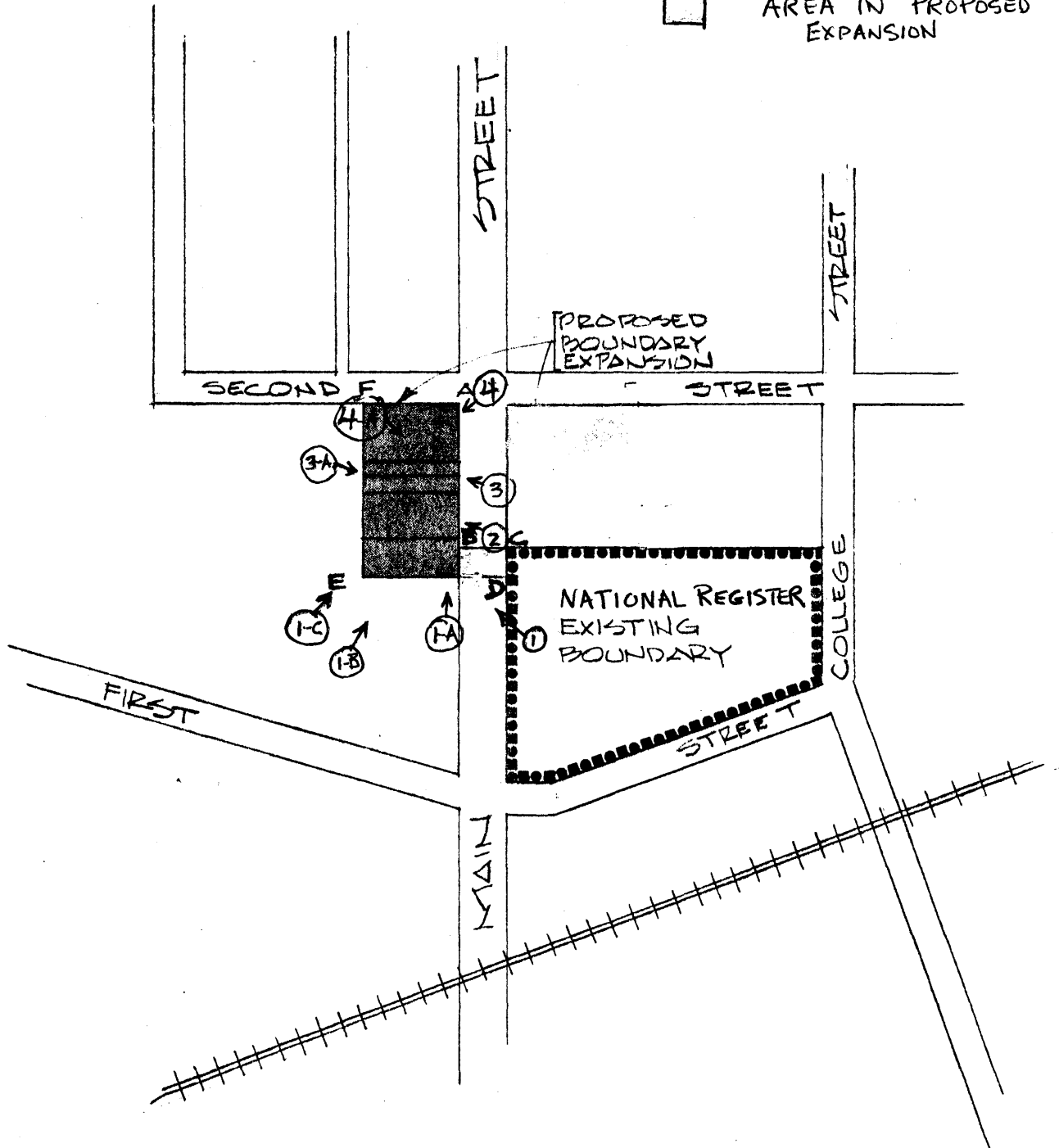
# MAP KEY



PHOTO NUMBER AND  
DIRECTION



AREA IN PROPOSED  
EXPANSION



MAP 1 - BOUNDARY + PHOTOS

SCALE:  
1" = 200'

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SMITH'S GROVE DISTRICT  
WARREN COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
PROPOSED EXPANSION

